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WEATHER FORECAST
FAIR
Barometer 30.44

December 30, 1913. Temperature a.m. 59, p.m. 62
Humidity " 34, " 29

December 29, 1912. Temperature a.m. 47, p.m. 55.
Humidity " 73, " 53.

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TELEGRAMS.

BALKAN AFFAIRS.

A REPORT SUBSTANTIATED.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received December 30.
Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that the report published by the *Tribuna* (Rome), that the Powers and the Triple Alliance have accepted Sir Edward Grey's proposal to postpone the Greek evacuation of the territories allotted to Albania till January 14, may be taken as correct.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that the Porte has circularised the Ottoman representatives abroad declaring that Turkey cannot admit any special regime of the Aegean Islands at present occupied by Italy which would occasion the retrocession of Turkey beyond what was stipulated in the Treaty of Lusanne, nor can the Porte entertain the principle of correlation between the question of the delimitation of the southern frontiers of Albania and the disposal of the islands.

IN SUN YAT-SEN'S NAME

REVOLT AT TALIFU.

London, Received December 30.
Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that the garrison at Talifu has revolted, shot two officers and declared independence in the name of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

"They" raided the town and many were killed and wounded. The killed included a professor and several students, but all foreigners were protected. A mission chapel and a school house were converted into hospitals.

The reign of terror continued in the vicinity for a fortnight until a small detachment of loyalists stormed and recaptured Talifu, and burned the rebel leader to death. Thousands are still looting the surrounding country but a strong force is en route to restore order.

SHIPPING SERVICES.

FAR EAST COMPETITION.

London, Received December 29.
The Alfred Holt and Gellatly Hankey Companies' new Far Eastern service, from Hamburg, Glasgow, Swansea, and Birkenhead to Vladivostok and Nikolaievsk, will start on January 24 next.

The Hamburg-America Company are also inaugurating a regular service from Liverpool to Vladivostok and Nikolaievsk. Rickmers' Line, of Bremen, are also running additional vessels to those ports from the Mersey. There is a promise of the keenest competition.

VEDRINES AT CAIRO.

END OF GREAT FLIGHT.

London, Received December 30.
Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that M. Vedrines has arrived at Cairo in the Cape to Cairo flight.

Lord Kitchener flew with Olivier at the Heliopolis Aerodrome.

LUDGATE RE-FLOATED.

ARRIVES AT GIBRALTAR.

London, Received December 29.
The British steamer Ludgate, which went ashore on the African coast, has been re-floated, and has arrived at Gibraltar.

TELEGRAMS.

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

LED BY SIR E. SHACKLETON.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received December 29.
Sir Ernest Shackleton, in a letter to *The Times*, states that he is able, through the generosity of a friend, to announce definitely that he will lead an Expedition in 1914 across the Antarctic Continent. The expedition will be called the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, because he feels that kinsmen of all lands under the Union Jack will be willing to assist in the carrying out of the full programme of exploration projected.

The Times adds that the expedition starts from a South American port with the object of crossing the South Pole, returning by New Zealand.

Later.
Sir F. Shackleton's letter continued:—"Thus the geographical viewpoint may solve the continental nature of the Antarctic. For instance the discovery of the great mountain range which I assume exists, will be an enormous geographical triumph. Also I will make investigations in all branches of science. If I can start in November from Weddell's I hope to reach Rossia in March 1915. I will take 120 dogs and Canadian drivers and be fully equipped for two years with sledges driven by aeroplane propellers and also an aeroplane with clipped wings to glide over the ice." He concluded that though he had enough money to embark on the expedition, "The more I have the more I can do." He hopes the Dominions will support this Imperial expedition.

RETENTION OF RESERVISTS

A PERMANENT INSTITUTION.

London, Received December 30.
Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent states that it has been announced that the retention of reservists to the colours in 1912 during the winter months having been found so useful, notably in view of the desirability of having a number of trained men in the ranks during the first training of recruits who enrolled in November, it has been decided to make retention a permanent institution.

The weakening of the army from November to April will thus be prevented.

OBITUARY.

MR. RYKERTS. K.C.

London, Received December 30.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa announces the death of Mr. Rykerts K.C., the last survivor of the first parliament of Ontario. The late King Edward when Prince of Wales saved him from being trampled to death at St. Catherine's. Mr. Rykert while on horseback was reading an address of welcome when he was thrown.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S BIRTHDAY.

KING GEORGE'S CONGRATULATIONS.

London, Received December 30.
His Majesty has telegraphed to President Wilson congratulating him on his birthday and trusting that his health, has not suffered through his arduous duties of the year.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINESE LOAN.

BIG PRIVATE ISSUE.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received December 29.
The Paris correspondent of the *Financial Times* states that a Franco-Belgian Syndicate has arranged privately for the issue in Paris, probably early in the New Year, of 55,556 Chinese Treasury bonds, of £20 each, bearing interest at 8 per cent, and secured on the land tax. The issue price is £98 for each £100 worth of bonds. The Syndicate has acquired the bonds at the price of 92.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Legation Guards.

Peking, Dec. 20.
The Legations are still without word from their Governments concerning the withdrawal of troops from the province of Chihli. Whatever may be the attitude of the other Powers it is practically certain that the Russians will be withdrawn by the beginning of February.—*Reuter to the N. O. Daily News.*

General Li and Hupeh.

Peking, Dec. 20.
A mandate announces the resignation of Li Yuan-hung from the Tutuhship of Hupeh. In a letter in the most literary style abounding in historical allusions, Li Yuan-hung thanks Yuan Shih-kai for the kind reception he has given him and states that he has long wished to resign, but has postponed doing so owing to the unsettled condition of the country. But now that the Foreign Powers have accorded recognition, and peace reigns he feels that it is an appropriate time for the nation to give him a much-needed rest.

Yuan Shih-kai in equally graceful terms praises Li Yuan-hung's courage and ability, and says that he highly appreciates his distinguished achievements. He is reluctant to accept his resignation but as Li Yuan-hung desired it so earnestly, he could not but deprive him of a much-needed rest. Yuan Shih-kai hopes ever to be his true friend and that he will give timely assistance should big issues affecting the national welfare arise.

The general opinion with regard to Li's resignation from the Tutuhship is that he has taken the step entirely on his own volition. He retains the Vice-Presidency and the post of Chief of the General Staff.—*Reuter to the N. O. Daily News.*

The Case Against Confucius.

Chengtu, Dec. 18.
It is announced here that the establishment of Confucianism as the State religion is at present impracticable. Careful private inquiry proves that there is a sharp division of opinion on this subject. Many of the highest officials are against the proposal and also two of the newspapers and numbers of thoughtful Chinese.

Conservatives regard Confucianism as necessary to preserve national morale, since the present time reveals much lawlessness. Progressives, on the other hand, are of the opinion that the proposal is part of a scheme to retard progress. They consider that it is impossible to blend republicanism with Confucian etiquette.

In the churches the proposal is regarded as a blow to religious liberty, and they have organized in order to resist it. They say that they desire "a free field and no favour."—*Reuter to the N. O. Daily News.*

TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER ASHORE.

MANY PASSENGERS ABOARD.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received December 29.
Reuter's Brisbane correspondent states that the steamer Tasman, sends the information by wireless that she has gone ashore in Bramble Bay, in the Gulf of Papua, and that she is in a dangerous position. There is a large number of passengers on board, including Madame Nordica. Steamers have been despatched to the rescue.

LOAN PROSPECTS.

Peking, Dec. 22.
As New Year draws near China's financial difficulties are again becoming very acute, but it is expected that by a great effort the shortage will be overcome. It is reported that the Premier, Hsiung Hsi-ling, has consulted with the foreign authorities regarding a postponement of the repayment of various debts to the end of February.

Regarding administrative and other expenses, amounting to \$5,000,000, there is still a balance of \$2,000,000 in the Ministry of Finance, besides which the proceeds of a certain foreign loan, amounting to Fr. 5,000,000 are to be delivered to the Government in a few days. The balance will be made up by a small advance at present.

The negotiations with the Quintuple Group for a further loan have been suspended. Mr. E. G. Hillier, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Peking, has left for Hongkong, while two other bankers of the Quintuple Group are on holiday. It is expected that negotiations will be resumed at the beginning of the new year. Relations between the members of the Quintuple Group and the Chinese Government are most cordial, but the former are not anxious to hurry negotiations owing to the impossibility of floating a loan in Europe at least for some months.

It is hoped that Chen Chin-tao's reports from Europe will enable Chinese to realize more fully the state of the European money market and the difficulties of floating a big loan at present.—*Reuter to the N. O. Daily News.*

Chinese Troops in Tibet.

Chengtu, Dec. 22.
Money is now on the way to Tachienlu to pay the troops. It is said to come from Peking, and the amount is \$90,000.

The policy of borrowing sums of money from the lamaseries, which was lately advocated by Yin Tutsu has been definitely abandoned because it was likely to foment disaffection.

The Chiamdo troops are reported to be awaiting a fresh supply of ammunition before proceeding to further hostilities. The trouble at Romidraugo is nearly over. A French Catholic father is returning there soon to take up his residence.—*Reuter to the N. O. Daily News.*

Feng Kuo-chang in Nanking.

Nanking, Dec. 23.
General Feng Kuo-chang entered the city at two o'clock this afternoon with a guard. He has 2,000 soldiers at his disposal.

General Chang Huan has already received \$650,000. Now he demands the \$800,000 more. He has been offered \$500,000 and is still haggling over the price.—*N. O. Daily News Correspondent.*

Japan's Indemnity Claims.

Peking, Dec. 29.
Japan has claimed \$980,000 indemnity for the Nanking incident, excluding compensation for losses arising out of the

TELEGRAMS.

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLAND WINNING.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received December 30.
Reuter's Johannesburg correspondent reports that in overcast weather, England compiled 403 runs. Rhodes scored 152 and Mead 102. South Africa's score is 177 for four wickets. Nourse is not out, with 52.

revolution. Negotiations are proceeding with regard to this question. China has accepted the principle of paying an indemnity, but is objecting to the amount of some of the items. Probably the indemnity will be settled at about \$600,000.—*Reuter to the N. O. Daily News.*

The Council and the Assembly.

Peking, Dec. 23.
A Presidential mandate on December 18 instructed the Political Council to discuss fundamental means for the salvation of the country. This was understood to mean that measure should be adopted for dealing with the remaining members of the Assembly. It is reported that after conferring with members of the Council the Chairman agreed that as the Presidential mandate did not expressly instruct the Council to devise means for dealing with the Assembly the subject should never be brought up for discussion in the Council.—*Reuter to the N. O. Daily News.*

Finance and the Mixed Court.

Peking, Dec. 24.
At a meeting to-day the Diplomatic Corps agreed to China's desires with regard to the payment of interest and amortizations on the Boxer Indemnity and other loans. It was also decided to refer to the Consular Body at Shanghai the Waichiao-pu's request that Chinese shall be allowed to elect their own magistrates of the Mixed Court at Shanghai.

A mandate orders the revision of the Provisional Constitution, which will be the standard for framing the Drafting Committee, and the organization of a new committee to undertake the drafting of the formal Constitution, which will be published in all provinces for the purpose of being criticized.—*Reuter to the N. O. Daily News.*

Gift from the Nation.

The Admiralty has agreed to accept a Britannia dirigible as a gift from the nation.

Subscription Griffins.

Twelve subscription griffins are expected to arrive per s.s. Chenan, due to-morrow. The ponies will be drawn for at Kennedy's Stable, Causeway Bay, on date of arrival at 4.30 p.m.

Both Absent.

A Chinese pork dealer, who trusted a foki with 61 cabbies of pork valued at \$15, has reported the absence of both foki and meat to the police.

The Washerman's Loss.

A Chinese washerman reports to the police that while he was walking along Bonham Strand West he lost from his jacket pocket a deposit note for \$1,500 on the International Bank.

TELEGRAMS.

MILITARY MISSION.

REPORT FROM BERLIN.

[Ostasiatischer Lloyd Service.]

Berlin, Received December 29.
The report of the *Tamps*, according to which there exists an agreement between Germany and Russia arranging for General Liman to become Inspector General of military education in Turkey, is untrue. There exists no agreement whatever.—*Der. Ost. Lloyd.*

Berlin, Received December 28.
Regarding the German Military Mission to Turkey, M. Sazanoff the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, has requested M. Delcasse, the French ambassador, to increase French collaboration with Russia before his departure for Paris.—*Der. Ost. Lloyd.*

ITALY'S CAPTURES.

COMPENSATION CLAIM.

[Ostasiatischer Lloyd Service.]

Berlin, Received December 29.
Italy demands, as an indemnity for giving up the occupation of Dodekanesos, the fulfilment of the Treaty of Ouchy, also compensation for the outlay caused by the occupation and administration of the islands.—*Der. Ost. Lloyd.*

DRAINAGE SCHEME.

EDICT BY PRESIDENT.

[Ostasiatischer Lloyd Service.]

Peking, Received December 29.
An Edict issued by the President contains regulations regarding irrigation and drainage systems throughout China. The object is to further the agricultural development of the country. The Central Bureau will be located in Peking and all the local authorities will have sub-offices.—*Der. Ost. Lloyd.*

CHINA IN URGU.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED.

[Ostasiatischer Lloyd Service.]

Peking, Received December 29.
Prince Kalaohin is being considered for the post of permanent Chinese commissioner at Urgu.—*Der. Ost. Lloyd.*

HIS EXCELLENCY'S RETURN.

Government Gazette Extraordinary Issued to-day.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary issued this afternoon says:—

It is hereby notified that His Excellency Sir Francis Henry May, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, returned to the Colony and assumed the duties of his office on Thursday, the 25th day of December, 1913.

A Curious Suggestion.

According to a Berlin correspondent a curious suggestion is being made in Denmark that the United States, in return for Greenland, should give the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines, to Denmark, who would then transfer the island to Germany in return for Schleswig, which was formerly Danish.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

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NEWS.

General news appears on page 3 to-day and Log book on page 6.

The second part of a review of the year's happenings appears to-day in the form of an extra.

The results of the 3rd 4th and 5th shoots fired at King's Park Range on the 28th 27th and 28th instant are given to-day.

A large deputation, of Portuguese yesterday waited upon Mr. Montague Ede, at his office, in connection with the Portuguese settlement project.

It is stated that a Franco-Belgian syndicate has arranged to issue 55,556 £20 eight per cent. Chinese treasury bonds secured on Land Tax at 98.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.

Kowloon Dock Ball—9 p.m.

Friday January 2.
Taikoo Club Ball—8.45 p.m.

Monday January 5.
Peak School Opens.

Tuesday, January 6.
G. Fenwick and Co. Ltd. in liquidation—General meeting of shareholders, No. 5, Queen's Road Central—noon.

Friday January 9.
Volunteers go into Camp.

Organ Recital: St. John's Cathedral—5.30.

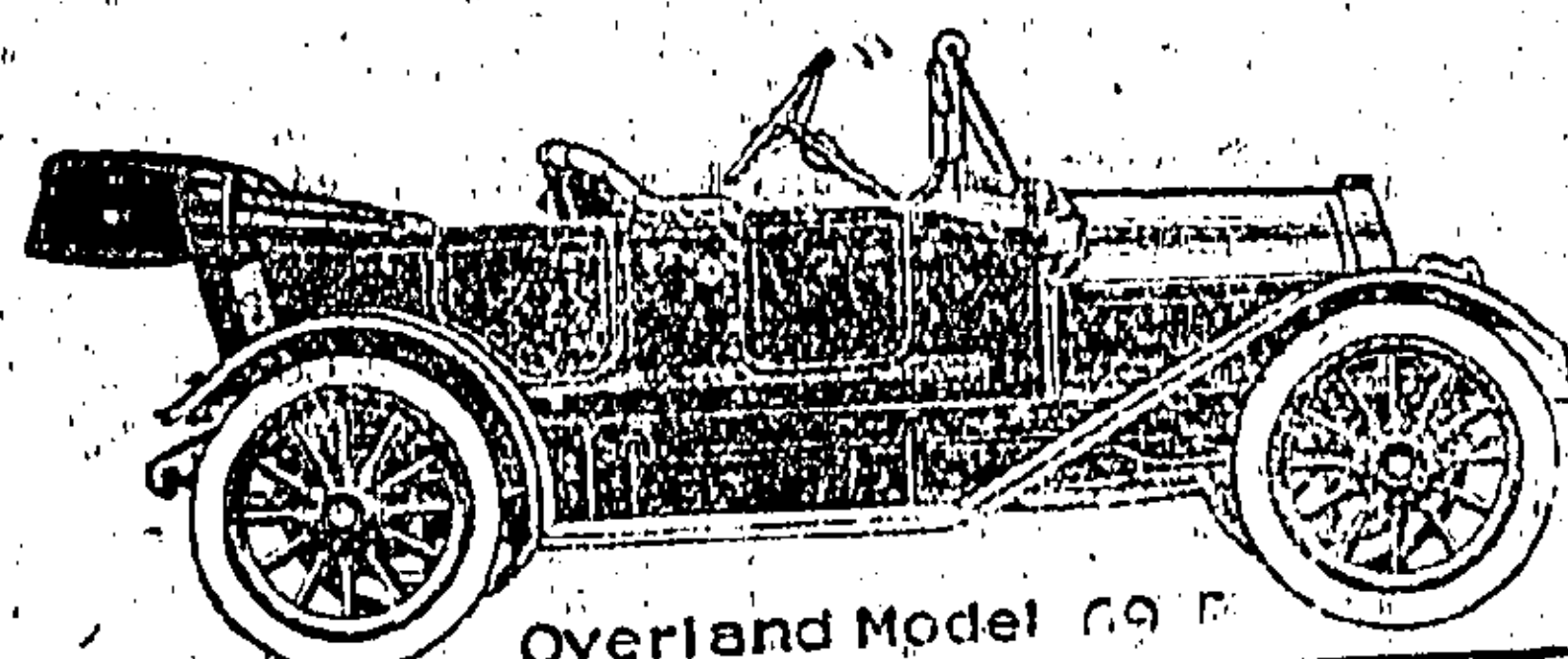
Friday January 16.
Engineers' Ball, City Hall—9 p.m.

Saturday January 17.
Entries close for Hongkong Races.

Monday January 26.
Chinese New Year.

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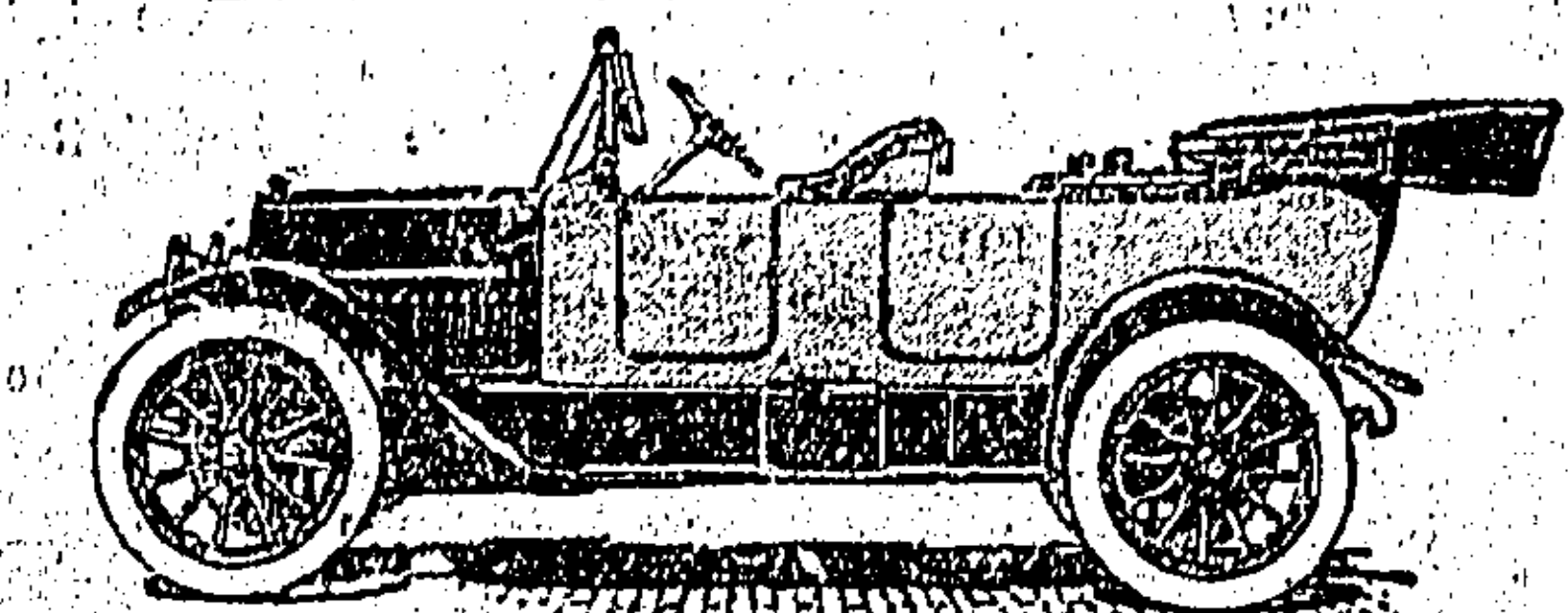
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South China Morning Post.

One Language Needed.

The absence of a common language is chief of the causes which operate against a united China, but the time is coming when there must be a decision in favour of the general adoption of one or other of the many tongues which are heard when travelling through the country. That the language difficulty is a real one is evidenced by a recent protest in the Republican Advocate against the rejection of a Fukien candidate for office because of his ignorance of the local dialect. The Shanghai publication did not endorse the objection of its correspondent, but declared, with excellent reason, that any official depending, in the discharge of his duties, on the good offices of an interpreter, is likely to become a tool in the hands of his underling, particularly if the interpreter has a mind to be unscrupulous.

Daily Press.

Japan and Mexico.

A telegram last week reporting that the Special Envoy sent by President Huerta of Mexico to Japan to convey the thanks of the Mexican Government for Japan's participation in the Mexican Centenary celebration suggested that the reception was viewed in the light of a demonstration of antipathy towards the United States, and a line was added to the effect that the anti-American feeling in Japan had been very pronounced of late. We gather the reason of this from the Japan papers received by the latest mail. A storm of protest seems to have been raised in the Press over the news that a new Immigration Bill has been introduced into Congress designed to impose more stringent restrictions on immigration into the United States. The Bill was introduced in Congress on December 6th by Congressman Barnett, who had proposed the same Bill in the last session of the Congress, when it was vetoed by President Taft. The Bill provides that (1) all immigrants shall be submitted to an educational test; (2) aliens not eligible to citizenship of the United States, and that (3) immigration officers of the United States.

China Mail.

Canton's Imports and Exports.

The writer makes a clear appeal to business people to wake up to the situation and rouse themselves to introduce the necessary machinery so that the fabrics which now have to be purchased from Japan, Europe and America may be woven and manufactured at home. Employment would thus be given to the thousands of persons who now are in need of work, or, at least, who desire a higher standard of living. The "rivers of silver" which now flow out of the country would also be turned inland and thus enrich the people. This, of course, is the goal towards which China will press when confidence is completely restored, and when capital can be utilised for the advancement of Chinese industry, instead of being hoarded. Much water, however, will have to run under the bridge before these things are accomplished. Meanwhile, it is worthy of note that the more for seeing people clearly enough what is needed; and that already they are strongly advocating their views. Such views are welcome, as it is the desire of all that China should attain to her rightful position as a great commercial nation.

For a good solid meal, a Carter of Tait's D'Hot with Wines & Liqueurs at the Best ALEXANDRA CAFE.

GENERAL NEWS.

Chinese Women and Peking Theatres.

In order to prevent trouble, the various Chinese theatres and musical houses are not permitted to sell tickets to Chinese visitors with their womenfolk; but as there are some foreigners who wish to hear Chinese singing and music, and always buy tickets for their wives and female friends, and refuse to observe this rule, the owners of the musical houses and theatres have petitioned the police about the matter.

In reply, the chief of the police said that, as foreign men and women enjoy equal rights in their own countries and are permitted to make friends with each other without restriction, they should not be treated in the same way as Chinese women and girls, so the owners are permitted to allow foreign women theatre-goers to sit together with their male friends, but Chinese females are still not allowed to enjoy the same privilege.—*Peking Gazette.*

Towing Record.

The Government dry dock Surabaja, of a capacity of 14,000 tons, which left Nieuwediep Roadstead in tow on June 23 last, arrived at Surabaja (Java) on November. It was towed to that port by the two powerful tugboats Atlas and Tital, both belonging to the Nieuwediep and Imuiden Towing Company. The dock arrived at Aden after a good voyage, but at this port had to wait about three weeks until the monsoon had passed. On the resumption of the voyage various mishaps occurred owing to stormy weather and strong currents, which considerably hindered her progress. Thus the crews of the tug had to use all their energy, vigilance and patience to accomplish the task which had been set them. The two tugs had been specially equipped for the long journey. This is stated to be the largest dock which has ever been towed for such a distance.

Cult Dairy Co., Ltd.

The report of the directors for the year ended October 31 states the working account shows a profit on the year's working of Tls. 16,039.71, which has been transferred to profit and loss account. After writing off the loss on last year's account, amounting to Tls. 9,987.37, discount to shareholders on their milk bills of Tls. 1,367.46, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, there is a balance at the profit and loss account of Tls. 4,277.32, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—To write off 10 per cent. depreciation on buildings account Tls. 1,689.48; to write off 20 per cent. depreciation on dairy accounts account Tls. 953.14; and carry forward to next year's account Tls. 1,577.70.—*North China Daily News.*

Another Cup Defender.

Boston, November 22.—Tentative plans for the building of a third sloop as a candidate for the honour of defending the America's cup, have been made by a number of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia men.

E. Walter Clark, of the Eastern Yacht Club, announced last night that George Owen, of Newton, had been commissioned to design the 75-footer, and that the Bath Iron Works would be asked to submit a bid for construction. G. M. Fynehon, of New York, is one of those associated with Mr. Clark.

Measurement for Canal Tolls.

Washington, November 21.—Rules prescribing the method of measurement for the basis of assessing tolls on ships in the Panama Canal were issued to-day in a proclamation signed by President Wilson. They define the cargo capacity of various types of shipping, and in general are framed on the same lines as rules of the Suez Canal. In some respects they are more stringent than the Suez rules, but in others are more liberal.

The rules do not affect the \$125 per ton rate previously prescribed in a Presidential proclamation.

AMERICA CUP.

New Skipper of the Old Shamrock.

The preliminary trials of Shamrock IV, are the chief topic of conversation among yachtsmen, says the Standard.

The position is fully understood by those who follow yachting keenly, but not perhaps by many persons whose attention is directed to yachting only at such times as the present. Shamrock IV, is to be sailed by Mr. W. P. Barton, one of the best known yacht owners in England, who has done as much as any living yachtsman in the interests of the sport. He has owned many yachts, in the 52-foot class, 15-metre class, and lastly in the 10-metre class, and sailing his own boats, often-times against some most experienced professional skippers, he has invariably been successful, and has established a reputation of which any amateur might be envious. He will carry with him the best wishes of all true sportsmen.

Naturally he will have control of all the sailing arrangements. With the existing Shamrock as the only available trial horse in preliminary tests, it was generally conceded that the new boat would have a vessel capable of giving her a good test, but then it was assumed that the old vessel would remain in charge of Spasmore, who is the only skipper who has ever handled her, and knows her to a nicety. It is the announcement that Spasmore had been deposed for a new skipper—Gould—that gives rise to the comments one now hears on all sides. Gould has a reputation as a skipper extending over many years, but his later commands have not brought him into a keen racing class. In 1900 he took charge of Clara, a Sloop-rigged schooner built for a German owner, and after that he had Susanne, also a schooner. Neither of these commands brought him in a keen competition which characterizes a big cutter class, where all vessels race upon equal terms.

There is no prejudice against the newly appointed skipper; the question being asked is whether any man could step in and, with a new crew, turn the boat out exactly in that condition in which he sailed her last race.

It has been suggested that it would be most interesting to see White Leather, the only other 23 metre cutter in existence, join issue with the two Shamrocks in some of their trials. The respective merits of the existing Shamrock and White Leather are known to yachtsmen, and the inclusion of the latter vessel in at least some of the trials would, in the circumstances, lend additional importance to the tests.

RARE CHINESE BOOKS.

Gift To The Bodleian.

A munificent donation has been made to Oxford by Mr. Edmund Backhouse, formerly of Merton College, who has resided for about 15 years in Peking, where an intimate knowledge of the language and of the people has enabled him to turn unrivalled opportunities for book collecting to good account.

The Chinese library which he has presented to the Bodleian, and which is now safely housed within its walls, comprises, at a rough estimate, about 17,000 printed volumes, or pen, as they are called, and some 150 manuscript scrolls and paintings. It is claimed that the collection includes three Sung editions, a number of superb Ming editions, extremely interesting autographs, and some magnificent specimens of calligraphy.

The Behrens Collection.

A netsuke, carved with two wrestlers in the Kawazu throw, included in Messrs. Glendinning's sale of the collection of Japanese works of art formed by the late Mr. Walter L. Behrens realized £225. At the Bing sale in Paris in 1909 it brought £5,200, which was then a record price for a netsuke. The present purchaser is a private collector.

KOWLOON IN LONDON.

Mr. Wu at the Strand Theatre.

The following is the cast of "Mr. Wu," a play in three acts and two tableaux by Harry M. Vernon and Harold Owen, produced at the Strand Theatre this month:—

Wu Li Chang, Mr. Matheson Lang; Mr. Gregory, Mr. Leslie Carter; Basil Gregory, Mr. Evan Thomas; Tom Carruthers, Mr. Martin Roland; Holman, Mr. Harcourt Beatty; Murray, Mr. Eldred Gulson; Simpson, Mr. Sidney Vautier; The Compradore, Mr. Louis Ashmende; Chinese Clerk, Mr. Chas. Wemyss; A Coolie, Mr. Frank Thorndike; Ah Sing, Mr. Frank Boyde; Mrs. Gregory, Miss Lilian Braithwaite; Hilde Gregory, Miss Aithna Gorer; Ah Wong, Miss Maria Lind; Nang Ping, Miss Hilda Bayley; Low Loong, Miss Rose O'Neill.

Mr. Wu, who lives in Kowloon, is the most powerful of mandarins, and the father of a pretty daughter, Nang Ping, who is the apple of his eye. Pretty Nang Ping is also frail. She has given herself to young Basil Gregory, and one fine day the intrigue is discovered by Mr. Wu. Thereupon Nang Ping disappears for ever, and Basil is hidden away captive by Mr. Wu's myrmidons. Basil's father suspects Mr. Wu—suspects Mr. Wu not only of hiding his son but of being responsible for the accumulated misfortunes which, since the son's disappearance, threaten the Gregory Steamship Company with ruin. Mr. Gregory invites Mr. Wu to his office and bullies him. Mr. Wu is importunately polite. It is not Mr. Gregory he desires to converse with, but Mrs. Gregory.

Mrs. Gregory comes and is entertained by the polite Mr. Wu with chat about his curios, his Ming ware and his ancient arms. Then suddenly her Chinese maid is shut out and all doors are locked. Mr. Wu, polite as ever, explains why he has invited Mrs. Gregory. It is that she may have a choice akin to Isabella's in Measure for Measure. Her son has seduced Mr. Wu's daughter. The daughter has been put to death; so will young Gregory be unless—unless his mother will sacrifice her honour to save him. Dishonour for dishonour; that is Mr. Wu's sentence. To await her decision Mr. Wu politely retired. Then in her agony Mrs. Gregory calls to her servant outside, and a phial is thrown through the window. She slips the contents in her teacup, and when Mr. Wu returns, puts it to her lips. Polite Mr. Wu, now politely amorous, insists on drinking out of the same cup. In a few moments Mr. Wu has horrible contortions and falls dead. Mother and son are saved—after an experience which must have tortured the audience almost as cruelly as it did Mrs. Gregory.

Mr. Matheson Lang is wonderfully Chinese in appearance and demeanour as Mr. Wu. As the tortured lady Miss Lilian Braithwaite is the proper figure of graceful distress; Miss Hilda Bayley is a delicious little Chinese sweetheart; and Mr. Leslie Carter and Mr. Evan Thomas are good as father and son.—*The Times.*

GIRL MARRIAGE SPECIALIST.

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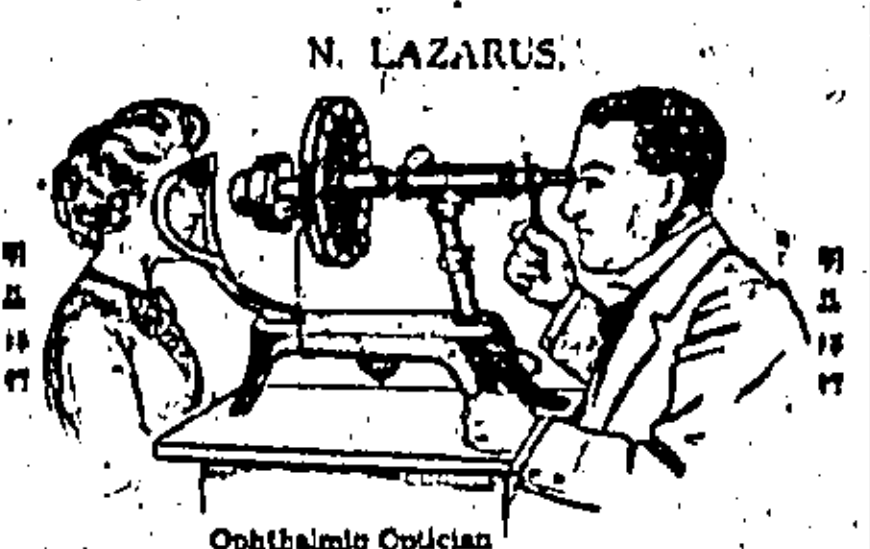
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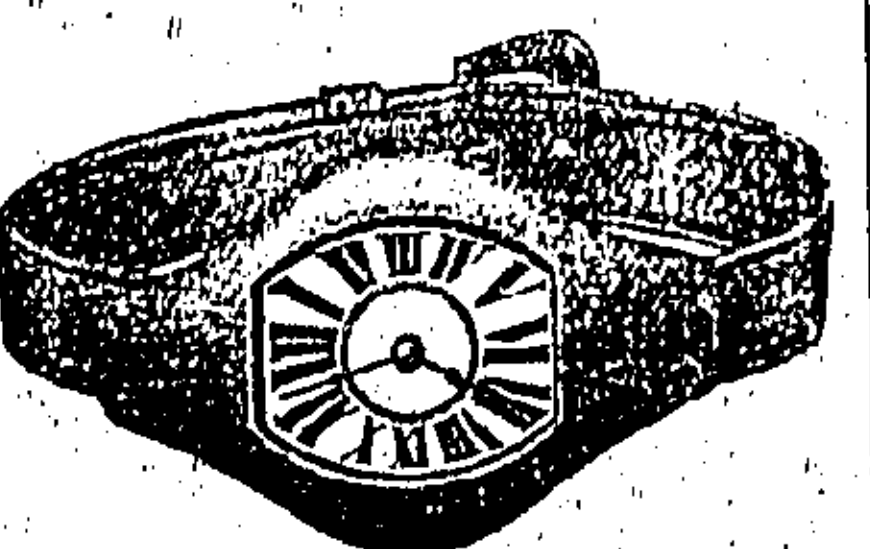
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CENTRALISING POWER.

During the year which is now fast drawing to a close China has passed through many a period of anxiety. It is not too much to say that more than once there has been justification for doubt as to whether the Republic could last. But, taking a glance backward, and comparing the past with the present, the unbiased observer must agree that to-day the outlook is far rosier than it appeared some few months ago, likely to be. There have been occasions calling for drastic action, and President Yuan Shih-kai has every time proved equal to the occasion. Some of his acts have called forth criticism, as the acts of any man so placed must do; but, taking a broad view, the point cannot be escaped that what he has done has been for the common good. The result is that to-day the power of the Central Government is a potent influence, restraining the sedition-monger and the adventurer, while the authority of Peking is daily gaining in respect up and down the land.

Few will deny the statement that the task which President Yuan now has in hand—that of consolidating the Republic—is a work of the first magnitude in importance. The centralisation of power and authority must be accomplished ere any real progress can be made. Here is where the President's wide experience in provincial administration is of the utmost value. He is not likely to be misled by attractive-looking theories in seeking the desired end. Another point is that he evidently intends giving time and thought to the task. Already most of the Tutuhls and ex-Tutuhls have been called to Peking, and latest reports state that those of Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Shensi are next to proceed North in order to give their expert opinion before the final steps are taken. There are several indications that the President is daily strengthening his hold on the Provinces. The recent disposition of armed forces and of his most trusted Generals shows that. Here remark may be made of the fact that important personages such as the Ministers of Army and Navy are being spared for the provincial services.

According to the Peking Daily News, Admiral Liu has with remarkable energy disbanded all the unnecessary troops in Fokien and has got the Province well under control, and "as soon as a successor is found he will proceed to Kwangtung on a similar mission for the disbandment of guerrilla troops and uncontrollable Generals." That is good news so far as the adjacent Province is concerned, and if the admiral can do anything which will pacify its turbulence and increase its respect for central authority, he will solve one of the most knotty problems facing the leaders of the Republic. The exchange of officials between the Provinces and Peking should materially help in this direction. By it some unity of purpose may result. And no country more so than China to-day needs to bear constantly in mind the truth of the old saying that "Unity is Strength."

A Word to the Generous.

Everything promises fairly for the Children's Sports at Kowloon on New Year's day—everything except the subscriptions, that is. We had almost added "as usual," but that would have been unkind; for, after all, though the subscriptions are coming slowly, as was the case last year, and a hard working committee is puzzling as to how it will make every dollar go the length of a dollar thirty cents or so, the subscriptions will come. If they do not, we shall give up our faith in human kind. If the public once realises that the children's day is in some danger of being less successful than it should be, the money will come with a rush. The difficulty is to get the public aroused. The newspapers of the Colony have been asked to issue a reminder and we have pleasure in doing so. But it would give us greater pleasure to acknowledge subscriptions. There is a sheet lying at this office. Surely our meaning is clear.

Test Cricket:

Only a miracle can save South Africa from defeat in the second test match. England replied to a total of 160 by scoring 403. Rhodes has evidently found his form and was top scorer with 152 unfinished. Mead had 102, but is not this player in danger of being overworked? For a young man of seemingly frail physique cricket summer and winter must be trying. South Africa have scored 177 for four wickets in their second innings and are fairly certain to be well beaten. A. D. Nourse, on whom we commented here the other day, is still undefeated with 52 to his credit. There is a little hope of a decent total so long as he remains.

ACTION DISCONTINUED.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the Summary Court, this morning, Kwong Chan-shi, was the plaintiff against Chan Pun and Yuen Fan in a case in which he claimed the sum \$232.36, on a promissory note.

Mr. H. K. Holmes appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Crew, of Messrs Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the defendants. Mr. Crew argued that when bankruptcy proceedings were commenced against the defendant firm, the plaintiff's claim should have been presented then. Under the Bankruptcy Ordinance the claim would have to be discontinued as a receiving order had been made against the firm, they had been adjudicated bankrupt and that was effectual.

Mr. Holmes argued that his client had not been served with the proper notice regarding the bankruptcy proceedings.

His Lordship held that the action would have to be discontinued and granted the defendant costs to the extent of \$15.

LOCAL SPORT.

Hongkong Cricket Club.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. against the United Services on Thursday, January on the Club Ground. Play is to commence at 10 a.m. Tiffin may be obtained on the Ground. Team:—R. Hancock, (Captain), R.E.O. Bird, A.A. Claxton, D.E. Donnelly, A.C.E. Elborough, H. Hancock, T.E. Pearce, E.B. Reed, G.R. Sayer, and A.R. Sutherland.

Sneak Thief.

A sneak thief was sent to goal at the Police Court, this morning for a month, and he was ordered to be exposed in the stocks for a period of four hours. Inspector Fenton said that he knew nothing about the man, but he believed he had come down especially for the New Year.

Alterations to Empress of Russia. The Empress of Russia, which is leaving on January 1, is making a shorter stay than usual in Hongkong this voyage. On her next trip, however, she will remain here for about a month when extensive alterations to her saloon deck will be carried out. The work was originally to have been done in Vancouver but Hongkong is able to do it cheaper.

DAY BY DAY.

BE CHEERFUL, DO NOT BROOD OVER FOND HOPES UNREALIZED UNTIL A CHAIN, LINK AFTER LINK, IS FASTENED ON EACH THOUGHT AND WOUND ROUND THE HEART. NATURE INTENDED YOU TO BE THE FOUNTAIN-SPRING OF CHEERFULNESS AND SOCIAL LIFE, AND NOT THE TRAVELING MONUMENT OF DESPAIR AND MELANCHOLY.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Due per s.s. Franz Ferdinand to-day.

French Mail.—Due per s.s. Dumbea to-day.

French Mail.—Left per s.s. Polynesian at 1 p.m. to-day.

American Mail.—Left per s.s. China at noon to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Dumbea at 5 p.m. to-day.

American Mail.—Due per s.s. Eastern (ex Nile) to-morrow.

American, Canadian and Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Empress of Russia at 6 p.m. to-morrow.

Licensed Chairs.

In all there are 675 licensed chairs in the Colony.

Telegrams to Formosa.

Normal cable communication with Formosa, via Foochow, was restored yesterday afternoon.

The Sheriff Again.

Ch'ing Hon-yuen, partner in a grocery shop at 27 Ship Street, reports that his sheriff has absconded, taking with him \$200 in money.

The Usual Fine.

At the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was fined \$250, by Mr. Hazeland for being in unlawful possession of four revolvers, an automatic pistol and several hundred rounds of ammunition, at West Point.

The Arsenal.

One man has been charged as the result of the execution of a search warrant by Inspector Gordon at 291 Des Voeux Road West. The police found two rifles, 1,600 rounds of ammunition and 2,000 caps in the house.

Arms and Ammunition.

The Chinese charged before Mr. Hazeland yesterday with being in unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, who was defended by Mr. L.D. Almada e Castro, and remanded, was at the Police Court, this morning, fined \$150. Inspector Dymond, prosecuted.

Theft from a Steamer.

Mr. G. Friesland of the Nord Deutscher Lloyd reports to the police the receipt of a wireless message to the effect that while the Princess Alice was alongside the Kowloon Wharf on December 24 a valuable fur and a quantity of dogskins belonging to a passenger were stolen.

Big Opium Seizure.

Revenue officer Wilden has been responsible for the seizure of 1,430 taels of opium on board the s.s. Rabi, just as she was about to depart. The opium was found in the coal bunkers, but no-one would come forward and claim it. At the Police Court, this morning, the drug was confiscated.

Latest Advertisements.

The Exchange Banks and the Fire and Marine Insurance offices will close for public business on New Year's Day.—Page 5.

The offices of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and district will be closed on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prox.—Page 5.

Consignees' notices concerning the s.s. Manchuria and C. Ford Laeisz are issued.—Page 5.

The Robert Dollar Company has removed to 3, Queen's Buildings.—Page 5.

Mr. G. P. Lammert is selling a quantity of Japanese ware on January 3.—Page 5.

PROPOSED PORTUGUESE SETTLEMENT.

Deputation Waits on Mr. Ede.

Yesterday evening a deputation of the prominent Portuguese residents in the Colony, headed by Mr. M. E. Silva of the Deutsche-Asiatische Bank, waited on the Hon. Mr. C. M. Ede in connection with the project that he formulated some considerable time back to ameliorate the housing conditions of the Portuguese and to create a Portuguese settlement at a site in Wongneichong.

Mr. Silva read the following address:—
The duty of a spokesman to a deputation, as a rule, carries with it a sense of much responsibility. When I was asked and consented to act in that capacity on the present occasion I felt conscious of the great sense of responsibility devolving upon me. I do not take it lightly. Our representations touch a subject of such pressing and vital importance to us as a section of a large community that I feel that in urging our case upon your kind attention and sympathetic consideration, we shall obtain from you a patient and indulgent hearing.

An Imperative Need.

Our collected presence here to-day represents a large proportion of the subscribers to, and others interested in, the scheme you have designed and, now for the past two years, strenuously endeavoured to have carried out to provide that desirable and imperatively needed house accommodation the want of which we, as a community, have intensely felt now for some time.

We are conscious of the fact that the largeness of the project could not be carried out with the delicate and difficult nature of the negotiations with the Government and others in relation thereto, makes its progress tedious and of slow development. Hence it was that we were content at first with such reports of its advancement as they could be safely vouchsafed to us.

During the past few weeks, a report has reached us that the subscribers to the scheme have now become indifferent to its success or failure.

This report, in the opinion of this deputation if allowed to obtain currency and remain longer unrefuted may be fraught with consequences prejudicial to the accomplishment of your scheme.

Two Methods.

We have conceived, Sir, two methods whereby we hope to successfully combat the insidious influences of those reports. The first is the addressing of joint representations to heads of leading corporations and firms by whom we are employed invoking the aid of our respective employers' weighty influence in our behalf. Those representations have been worded in identical terms, a copy of which I am instructed to hand you.

In the cases of those among us who are less favourably placed and, therefore, unable to join in a corporate representation, we are still left with a recourse to the present deputation.

Our appearance before you this afternoon is, therefore, now explained.

An Intensified Difficulty.

I am charged with the duty of representing to you the intensified difficulty, which becomes more accentuated from day to day, of our obtaining suitable housing accommodation within our limited means. Houses are becoming scarcer; rents soar up in their unchequered course, and we are left with two alternatives—neither of which tends to the physical or moral well-being of the community. We are compelled, first, to resort to overcrowded dwellings; and, secondly, through force of circumstance, to inhabit premises that were never designed for habitation. In either of these cases the resultant consequence is the same. Physical deterioration, which we regard with grave concern as a factor that may possibly, by slow degrees, lead to moral degeneration. Both these we would fain shun; and to both of them your scheme—if carried out in all its details—will provide the remedy.

My co-subscribers to the scheme feel constrained to beg of you to

MURDER CHARGE.

The Jubilee Road Affair.

The hearing of the charge of murder brought against a Chinese in connection with the Jubilee Road Affair, comes on for hearing, at the Police Court, to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appears for the prosecution and Mr. Bruton for the defence.

believe that, far from abandoning our adherence to your project, we are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the Government sanction of your proposals, and unhesitatingly assure you of our cordial support in order to ensure for it the success we earnestly hope you will achieve.

For your kindly interest, for your patient hearing, and for your tenacity of purpose in the face of seemingly overwhelming difficulty we cordially thank you.

While here assembled we avail ourselves of this opportunity to offer an expression of our pleasure at your recovery from your recent illness, and to wish you the complements of the season and unbounded prosperity in the coming year.

Mr. Ede's Reply.

The Hon. Mr. Ede in reply thanked them for coming to see him in that manner. They had probably heard of all the difficulties which had been encountered in connection with the scheme which he had outlined to them two years ago. Everything, he remarked, had been going on well until Chinese and other speculators began to buy land in the intervening ground between the site selected for the Cienfa Camosons and that occupied further west. This had given rise to the wrong impression that the land had been granted to them at too cheap a price. Real difficulties then began and much correspondence had ensued. The two things necessary for the success of the scheme, and he had always held it, were the Government sympathy and the cordial support of the Portuguese community. The meeting that afternoon was ample evidence that they were as much one as they were two years ago and he could not express his thanks too strongly to them for adhering to the scheme and giving him their moral support. He hoped ere long to have some news for them.

Waiting a Reply.

His despatch went through the Government to the Secretary of State on November 10, and it was now nearly time for him to have received a reply. As soon as he received it he would communicate with them so that everyone could see how matters were progressing. His principle in life was whenever he took up a thing which was good, never to let go of it until he had succeeded and if he was taking more time over it than they at first anticipated they would bear with him knowing quite well that he was doing, to the best of his ability, everything he could to bring the scheme to a successful and happy conclusion. A little patience more and he hoped to be able to announce to them that the scheme had gone through.

On behalf of the deputation, which was a very large one, numbering from fifty to sixty persons, Mr. Braga thanked the Hon. Mr. Ede for receiving them that afternoon.

Letter to Employers.

The Portuguese employed in the various homes and larger firms of the colony are addressing the following letter to their employers asking for their active support of the scheme.

We the undersigned, members of the Portuguese staff of your firm (or corporation), who are subscribers to the Portuguese housing scheme, kindly designed by the Hon. Mr. Montague Ede, in our interest and to our benefit, regard with considerable apprehension the persistent report that the scheme is to be abandoned for lack of Government support.

Since we signified our written adherence to the scheme, the difficulty of securing suitable housing accommodation for the class of residents to which we belong has become even more greatly intensified than before. There is apparently no relief within sight for such a state of affairs, may render us in the matter.

SCHARNHORST CONCERT

An Excellent Programme and a Large Audience.

The attendance at the Theatre Royal yesterday evening to hear the orchestra of S. M. S. Scharnhorst, was one of the largest we have seen present at a recital and it speaks well for the appreciation of the musicians' reputation that so large an attendance including His Excellency the Governor, and party, should be present. The combination of brass, wood-wind and strings that was afforded was rendered excellent by the admirable balance and tone that was maintained. At times the music swelled like that of a beautiful organ, and throughout was indicative of the high pitch which Germans attain as exponents. To discriminate between the various selections is certainly difficult but in Rich's "Hamlet" a breadth of treatment was responsible for much of the beauty of the item, while restraint and delicacy in "Morgenstimmung" and "Anitra's Tana" from the Peer Gynt suite call for unstinted praise. The fine handling of the latter earned an encore which brought another delicate response by the band. In the second half of the programme Sinding's "Frühlingstrauch" stands pre-eminent though comparison is somewhat difficult on account of the uniform good style in which the other sections were played.

Schubert's songs are so generally lost sight of by the concert artists on East, possibly because they are by no means easy of treatment, that Frau Hedwig Pfaff's rendering of "Frühlingstraube" was as novel as it was a treat. In the second appearance of this talented mezzo-soprano she brought the house down with Greig's "Solweig's Song" and was recalled three times, singing in reply German, French and English numbers.

The duets for two pianos by Messrs. E. Danenberg and N. Peterkin were also excellent and reflected great credit on the instrumentalists.

The programme was as follows:—

- Part I:—
1.—Festival March (From Eb. Concerto), Beethoven.
Orchestra.
2.—Overture "Hamlet," E. Bach.
Orchestra.
3.—Song "Frühlingstraube," Schubert.
Frau Hedwig Pfaff.
4.—Duet for Two Pianos "Variations in Eb. Minor," Sinding.
Mr. Danenberg and Mr. N. Peterkin.
5.—Peer Gynt Suite. (a) Morgenstimmung (b) Anitra's Tana, Greig.
Orchestra.
6.—Waltz "Rosenkavalier," Richard Strauss.
Orchestra.
Part II:—
7.—Fantasia "Madam Butterfly" Puccini.
Orchestra.
8.—Song "Solweig's Song," Greig.
Frau Hedwig Pfaff.
9.—Duet for Two Pianos "Variations on a theme of Beethoven," Saint Saens.
Mr. E. Danenberg and Mr. N. Peterkin.
10.—"Frühlingstrauch," Sinding.
Orchestra.
11.—Entr'act and Valse From "Coppelia," Delibes.
Accompanist: Frau Edith Hoch.

Every month's delay brings greater hardship on us and unless the scheme which Mr. Ede has in hand materialises at an early date, we entertain grave fears that any scheme for ameliorating our condition will be outside the sphere of practical accomplishment.

We have considered it advisable, in the present distressing circumstances, to approach you with a view to securing the weight of your great influence in furtherance of the scheme, and, if thought fit, to make such urgent representations to Government, with a view to removing whatever obstacle is in the way of the successful materialisation of the Portuguese Housing Scheme.

We desire to record our grateful recognition of any service you might render us in the matter.

SEA SCOUTS.

Interesting Address by Captain Streetfield.

An address was given by Captain Streetfield, R.N., M.V.O., of H.M.S. Triumph, at St. Joseph's College, last night. His address was on the subject of the Sea Scouts. He was present, and others who attended included Major Bowen, A.P.D. and Mr. de Martin (Inspector of Schools).

Bishop Pozzoni presided, and in introducing Captain Streetfield, said: "Ladies and Gentlemen, and Boy Scouts: 'Greater love than this no man hath than a man lay down his life for his friend.'" (St. John, Chap. V. 13) These are familiar words to you as they are to me. I quote them with a certain amount of hesitancy to-day, as I have the honour of introducing to you this evening a distinguished member of the Service to which the hero of Trafalgar belonged and to which Lord Charles Bessborough—the First Commissioner of the Sea Scouts—belongs. I introduce to you Capt. Streetfield, of His Majesty's Ship Triumph, now in this harbour. It was Earl Nelson the patron of the 8th Portsmouth ("Lord Nelson's Own") Troop who quoted the words of Our Blessed Lord in his message to the Sea Scouts: "that you love one another." (St. John, Chap. XV. 12). The injunction of that commandment was most tragically exemplified the other day when the Mirror—the fine training yacht of the Sea Scouts branch of the Boy Scouts Association—was run into at Tilbury and one assistant Scoutmaster and three Sea Scouts met their death like little heroes. About the Mirror and the training which it was designed to afford in all branches of seamanship, we hope to hear from Captain Streetfield this evening. My duty is limited to that of introducing him to you. I think it was Captain Streetfield who first organized the Sea Scouts at Devonport, and I hope he will be the first also to get together a troop of Sea Scouts in this important seaport of Hongkong. You, boys, who, I am sure, are better acquainted with Scout literature than I am, must have seen a full page illustration in the official organ of the Boy Scouts for the first week of May last year. It showed Captain Streetfield, who was then Assistant Commissioner for Sea Scouts of the Plymouth district, taking the "salute" from a body of the Scouts on board H.M.S. Doris at Devonport. He had invited the 3rd and 5th Plymouth and the 2nd Devonport (Sea Scouts) Troops on board his ship, where he enrolled a number of recruits. So that he is no utter stranger to us. To-day, we are privileged to listen to his informal "Talk" on the subject of Sea Scouts—a subject that is extremely fascinating.

"There's a charm and a life in the term 'Scouting,' a splendid one, too, you may guess; It is not the flag-waving or shouting. It is not the smart outfit or dress;

'Tis the spirit that Scout-hood is teaching, The spirit to fight the good fight, To stand up for truth and the right."

Of all this spirit and more we hope to hear from the experiences which Captain Streetfield may be good enough to recount to us to-day. (Applause.)

Captain Streetfield, said he almost felt like an impostor, because, although he was a Commissioner of Scouts at Home, he had to resign his commission on coming out to this Colony. Consequently he held no official commission at all, but he had written to the authorities asking them to re-instate him, in order that he might be able to enrol Sea Scouts, and teach them.

He intended to give instruction on board ship. He had already tried to organise instructors, for signalling, knotting and splicing, and the Scouts would be instructed in Naval phraseology generally. The Scouts would have nothing whatever to do with gun and torpedoes. The organisation was created simply to make them better citizens and more useful men at all. The Scouts would

also be instructed in Morse and semaphore signalling and in the way to steer a ship. The College corps of Boy Scouts paraded about 50 strong, under Scoutmaster Edwards.

BOOK WORLD.

Modern Christianity and its Failure.

"Is Christianity a Colossal Failure?" This is the title of a shilling edition, the work of an anonymous author styling himself "One of the Bees," published by Stanbury and Co., 31, Essex Street, Strand, London, W. C. 1. Its general appearance is somewhat deceptive, for, from the coloured cover, bearing the picture of a well-preserved diaphanous clergyman gazing at a company of gaunt-faced, poverty-stricken individuals, to the numerous illustrations in the body of the book depicting the wretched lot of many of our poor, one is prepared for a vigorous onslaught on the Christian religion and on its failure to uplift the masses of humanity. That expectation is encouraged by the frequent references in the early part of the book to England's claim to be a Christian country.

The attack, however—and it is an attack—is not on Christianity itself. The book is an elaborately extended argument of the failure of professed Christians to ameliorate the lot of the lower classes. It is really the lack of Christianity (as taught by Christ) which is the basis of the writer's contention. He holds that modern Christianity does not represent the teaching of Christ, and he makes it clear that he does not seek to detract from or disparage the Christian religion, but, in his own words, "rather to arouse the lethargic and unthinking indifference to a sense of the high responsibilities which to-day attaches to them as Christians."

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SHOOTING.

Hongkong Volunteer Reserves.

The following are the results of the 3rd 4th & 5th shoots fired at King's Park Range on the 20th 27th & 28th instant.

FRIDAY.		
H. Knight	86	20 105
A. H. Bishop	80	20 100
A. J. J. Brock	98	Sc 98
K. McLennan	94	Sc 94
J. Lyon	91	Sc 94
J. Hutchings	69	25 94
J. D. Danby	92	Sc 92
T. Hamilton	91	Sc 91
F. Brown	90	Sc 90
R. Stewart	87	Sc 87
J. Watson	87	Sc 87
W. J. J. Gart	65	12 77
E. H. Hazeland	44	24 64

SATURDAY.		
W. Budge	78	27 105
L. G. Bird	90	8 98
W. Dobbs	87	6 93
T. Hamilton	92	Sc 92
J. A. Lyon	92	Sc 92
H. R. J. Elson	90	Sc 90
H. Knight	78	12 90
T. Fawcett	89	Sc 88
J. D. Danby	87	Sc 87
J. S. Livingdon	65	22 87
R. Stewart	85	Sc 85
J. Hutchings	60	25 85
A. Whitelaw	65	14 79
F. A. Brown	75	Sc 75
W. Davies	53	20 73

SUNDAY.		
B. Branch	80	25 105
A. Whitelaw	79	30 105
A. H. Bishop	90	14 104
Lewington	75	29 104
Grimeshaw	91	9 100
Hutchings	70	30 100
Franklin	68	30 98
W. Dobbs	89	7 96
W. Budge	79	15 94
H. Knight	78	16 94
McLennan	91	Sc 91
A. J. Brock	89	Sc 89
J. A. Lyon	77	12 89
W. J. May	88	Sc 88
R. Stewart	86	Sc 86
Elson	83	Sc 83
T. Fawcett	54	20 83
J. Gart	78	3 81
Jackman	68	15 81
A. Smith	52	21 73
C. H. Gale		

"AN ENDURING CHEAPNESS".

The rise of prices in the last fifteen years or so has been a phenomenon of far-reaching importance. World-wide in its range, it has adversely affected wage-earners everywhere, writes Mr. Chiozza Money, M.P., in the *Contemporary Review*, and he suggests this explanation of the rise: What between natural increase of population, a rising standard of life all over the world, and a great emigration from low wage to high wage countries, the time soon came when world exploitation, although rapid and continuous, ceased to keep pace with the world's demands for many important commodities.

What of the future of prices? I think we may rely upon scientific endeavour to be equal in the long run to the production of an enduring cheapness. The weapons of science have not yet been taken up in earnest by the nations of men. It is no more that haphazard and careless effort which has been applied to the world's resources. Men in a hurry to get rich have despoiled territories and wasted natural wealth in so far as the law of the conservation of matter has permitted them to waste. There can be no reasonable doubt, however, that the production of organic commodities, whether foods or materials, will be so greatly magnified by scientific method that the men of the future will produce ample supplies of all necessary things of this kind with little labour.

As to inorganic supplies, we may have faith that science will also show a way to the practical employment of low grades of ore which cannot now be commercially employed. The economic colonisation of tropical lands may, it is quite probable, add enormously to the world's supply of consumable goods.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS.

The H. A. L. s.s. *PREUSSSEN* left Singapore on the 28th inst., a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 3rd January, a.m.
The s.s. *MANCHURIA* will be despatched from this port at 1 p.m. on the 6th January, for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama and Honolulu.
The Danish s.s. *TRANQUEBAR* left Sabang on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd of January.
The Danish s.s. *KINA* left Karatu on the 28th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd of January.
The I. G. M. s.s. *PRINZ LUDWIG* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 10th inst., left Colombo on the 28th inst., p.m. and may be expected here on or about the 8th of January.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

London 19th Dec.
Arrivals from China:—Ernest Simon, Kleist.
The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Iyo Maru, Macdonald, Persia, F. E. Friedrich, Glenfarg, O. J. D. Ahlers.
London, 23rd December
Arrivals from China:—Jason, Nelson.
The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Benavon, Deucalion, Annon, Atreus, Kusan, Deke, Rickmers, Laomedon.

To-day's Advertisements

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **SATURDAY, the 3rd January, 1914, commencing at 11 a.m.** At his Sales Rooms, Duddell St. A Quantity of Japanese Ware. Comprising:—
TEA SETS, COFFEE SETS, VASES, BOWLS, WALL PLATES, PITCHERS, ANTIMONY WARE, ORNAMENTS, etc., etc.
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NOTICE

THE ROBERT DOLLAR COMPANY, representing the Dollar Steamship Company, the Salt Lake Railway, and dealers in Timber, Shipping and General Merchandise, have REMOVED to No. 3, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, 30th Dec., 1913. [1112]

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To-day's Advertisements

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.
NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, the 1st January.

By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th Dec., 1913. [1109]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, the 1st January.

By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th Dec., 1913. [1108]

From PORTLAND, Or. and PUGET SOUND Ports.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"O. FERD. LAEISZ"
Capt. O. Geissel, having arrived, consignees are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on SATURDAY, 3rd January, 1914 at Noon will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Godowns.
Cargo remaining undelivered on 10th Jan., 1914 at Noon, will, in addition to landing charges, be subject to storage charges.
No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo to be left on board or in the Godown; the examination of same to be held on FRIDAY, 9th Jan., at 10 a.m.

Claims must be accompanied by short delivery notes or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to Consignees and signed for and on behalf of the H.A.L.
All claims must be filed on or before the 15th Jan. 1914 otherwise they will not be recognized.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 30th Dec., 1913. [1110]

To-day's Advertisements

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with ordinance No. 5 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, the 1st January, 1914, for the New Year Holidays.

By Order, E. GORDON LOWDER, Commissioner of Chinese Customs.

Hongkong, 29th Dec., 1913. [1107]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

s.s. "MANCHURIA."

From SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their bills of lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo undelivered by Wednesday, December 31, 1913, at noon will be landed into the Company's godown at consignee's risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered Monday, January 5, 1914 at noon in addition to the landing charges will be subject to storage charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be subjected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown Saturday, January 3, 1914 at 10 a.m.

No claim will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before January 29th, 1914 otherwise they will not be recognized.

B. C. MORTON, Agent.
Hongkong, 30th Dec., 1913. [1111]

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For further information, Maps, Routes, Handbooks, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to

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WESTWARD.

S.S. "C. Apar," 4,600 tons, Capt. Drake, will be despatched for SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA on 30th Dec.

S.S. "Dunera," 5,389 tons, Capt. Dickinson, will be despatched as above on 2nd Jan.

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10.00 p.m. "Faishan," 5.00 p.m. "Kinshan,"

8.00 a.m. "Kinshan," 8.00 a.m. "Heungshan,"

10.00 p.m. "Heungshan," 5.00 p.m. "Faishan."

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EXCURSION TO MACAO

SUNDAY, 4th January.

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N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

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Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

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VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE
Shanghai, via
Mojito, Kobe, Yokohama, and
Yokohama

Yokohama Maru Capt. Wada T. 12,500	TUES, 30th Dec. at noon.
Awa Maru Capt. Shimidzu T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 13th Jan. at noon.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via
Manila, Thursday
Island, Townsville and
Brisbane

Tango Maru Capt. T. Sekine T. 13,500	WEDNES, 14th Jan. at noon.
Nikko Maru Capt. Takeda T. 9,600	WEDNES, 11th Feb. at noon.

CALCUTTA, via
S'pore, Penang
& Rangoon

Kawachi Maru Capt. Christiansen T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 6th Jan.
Kitano Maru Capt. F. E. Cope T. 16,000	WED, 31st Dec. at 5 p.m.

BOMBAY, via Singapore and Colombo.

Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	Nikko Maru Capt. Takeda T. 9,600	WED, 31st Dec. at 11 a.m.
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1913.

1913 IN RETROSPECT.

A BACKWARD GLANCE OVER THE YEAR'S EVENTS.

(Continued from Yesterday.)

St. Andrew's Kowloon.
Much the same kind of satisfactory report was submitted by the Treasurer of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Despite the fact that the additional expenses incurred by the changing of the Vicar necessitated the raising of \$1,800 in excess of ordinary expenses, and that little provision had been made to meet this extra expense they had been able, he said, to meet all their expenses during the year and to carry forward a credit balance of over \$300. This splendid result was, partially due to a marked improvement in all sources of revenue, but more particularly to the deficit fund which was inaugurated when the "Sale of Work" Committee decided not to hold a sale last year. The Treasurer pointed out that the "offertories" had shown the greatest improvement, exceeding the previous year by more than \$1,000.

Thanks to the generosity of Sir Paul Chater, St. Andrew's Church has now a fine new hall for the furtherance of Church work. This was opened as recently as November 27.

Union Church Pastor.
A social gathering of seafarers and friends met in the Union Church Hall on April 2 to extend a welcome to the Reverend J. Kirk Macdonald who had arrived in the Colony from England to undertake the pastorate of the Church. Mr. W. O. Humphreys presided. The Lord Bishop of Victoria on that occasion said he had received from the Bishop of Lincoln a letter warmly commending Mr. Macdonald. He was glad to be present not only on that account but because of his desire that Mr. Macdonald should receive as cordial a welcome to the colony as possible. He assured Mr. Macdonald of his good will towards him and wished him success in his labours. It remains only to be said that Mr. Macdonald's labours have been very successful.

Father Spada's Appointment.
Early in the year the Rev. Father G. M. Spada was appointed a representative—for four years—of the Chinese Missions at the headquarters in Milan.

Hongkong Catholics were very loath to lose so hard-working and popular a priest. He had worked in the East for over twenty years, and was a very distinguished scholar and linguist (speaking English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Hakka and Cantonese).

Christian Unity.
While we are on the subject of churches, it may be remembered that an open letter, signed by the Bishop of Victoria, and some of the pastors in town, was circulated in the Colony. It was dated April 30 and made an appeal for Christian Unity. It was addressed "to all Christian people in Hongkong"—and part of it ran as follows:—

"We, the undersigned, representing different Christian communities working for our Lord in this Colony, venture to appeal to you to further the cause of Unity, which you all have at heart in a definite and effective manner."

"We invite you to join in united prayer for the Reunion of Christendom, at your respective places of worship on Whit Sunday next, May 11, at the principal morning service, and in your private devotions on that day."

"We in no way regard our existing divergencies as unimportant or likely to be easily healed and we have no authority to act for our respective churches in the matter of Reunion. But we remember that our Lord prayed

that his people might be one, in order that the world might believe that the Divine Father had sent Him."

"We believe that He meant us to be in one visible fellowship. We are sure that His cause in the world will be mightily strengthened thereby. We observe that there is a growing respect for each other's motives and opinions, and we are convinced that the Holy Spirit is at this time graciously moving His people all over the world to desire and pray for unity."

"We therefore call you to prayer in humble confidence that He is guiding us to do so."

The idea was heartily taken up and on May 11 the appeal was warmly responded to.

HOUSES COLLAPSED.

One of the worst disasters of recent years occurred on Saturday, June 14 at Tai Ping-shan. Two narrow three-storeyed houses Nos. 7 and 9 Upper Station Street—a small thoroughfare below Blake Gardens and behind the Man On Insurance Company's premises in Queen's Road West—collapsed with hardly a moment's warning bringing death to eighteen men, women and children and injuring many others.

There were at the time a large number of persons in the buildings, some even in bed: one woman was nursing her child, when the buildings collapsed like a house built of cards.

A Fearful Story.
The appearance of the wreckage, said our report of the affair at the time, told a fearful story of unpreparedness. Clocks, pictures, hats and birdcages hung undisturbed on the remaining walls; near the surface of the mound of brickrubbish and mortar a human foot and leg protruded, and by the doorway of the right-hand house, were two bodies, evidently caught by the avalanche of timber and stone when they were within a yard or so of safety.

The body actually in the doorway, that of a woman, was pinned down by a beam which seemingly had struck the ribs and on so that death must, of course, have been instantaneous. One hand was convulsively gripping an ankle and, at her feet, lay a fan and a ball of wool. All that could be seen of the other corpse was the upper part of the head, quite flattened.

Daring Rescues.
The Police, with Dr. McKenny put in an early appearance, while Dr. Hunt of H.M.S. Tamar, who arrived later, gave most valuable help. Mr. Wright of the P. W. D., Assistant Engineer, Mr. Izor, Messrs. Hutchings and Sara, were also on the spot and, with Inspectors Frith and Ward, were kept busy extricating the dead and injured from the huge mass of fallen masonry. Many of the rescues were of the most daring nature and called for fine nerve. No fewer than one hundred and sixty-five people were housed in the two tenements. On this point one or two remarks may be made. According to the regulations, 165 people in rooms where there are cubicles (as there were in this case) should have 8,250 square feet of floor space; yet these unfortunate had little more than half that amount; the average space per floor of No. 7 being 830 square feet, that of No. 9, 672 feet, and the total for the two houses (three floors to each) amounting to 4,850 square feet. Official figures further show that each floor averaged five families, and that the lowest number of individuals inhabiting one floor was twenty-two.

Dangerous Houses.

Exactly ten days later the inhabitants of Nos. 44 and 46 Sai Street—two houses in the immediate neighbourhood of those which collapsed at Tai Ping-shan—found that the buildings were unsafe and likely to fall. They gave notice to the police and Detective Sergt. Murphy was sent to make enquiries. He found an almost perpendicular split in the partition wall, and at once decided that the situation was probably one of extreme danger. Without allowing the occupants to stay to remove their property, he ordered them all out of the building and communicated with the Public Works Department. The P. W. D. officials, on inspecting the premises, confirmed Sergeant Murphy's fears, declaring the buildings unsafe and shoring up was proceeded with.

The Inquiry.
An inquiry was held early in July and the jury expressed their verdict as death by misadventure the foreman adding the following riders:—

1. We are of the opinion that the company in possession should have employed an architect or competent European overseer, especially in view of the contractor's suggestion.
2. All defects in party walls should be reported by owners to the Building Ordinance Office (under penalty for not so doing) within 24 hours after receiving notice of same.
3. We are of the opinion that the Building Ordinance Office should take steps as soon as possible, to thoroughly examine all houses in the Colony known to have been built at such a time when sufficient supervision was not given to their construction.

THE BUDGET.

The Budget statement submitted by His Excellency, the officer administering the Government, on October 9, was interesting. An extract may be taken from the speech:—

"You will remember that when the Estimates for 1913 were placed before you last October, it was anticipated that the balance of Assets over Liabilities on 31st December, 1912, would amount to \$2,339,782. This estimate was largely exceeded, the sum actually brought to account being \$2,805,129. According to the revised figures for 1913 ordinary and extraordinary revenue is expected to yield \$8,235,235 or \$433,393 more than was estimated."

Details.
On the other hand the total Expenditure which was originally estimated at \$8,544,008 is now expected to exceed that figure by \$184,244. These estimates if realised will result in a deficit on 31st December, 1913, of \$433,897 and this sum deducted from the balance of Assets accrued on 31st December, 1912, will give a balance of Assets on 31st December, 1913, reduced to \$2,361,232. I may point out that the deficit anticipated at the end of the year is less by \$249,149 than was expected, the budget for 1913 having been balanced by an appropriation of \$693,046 from the accumulation of surplus balances.

Revenue.
"The Estimates of Revenue for the coming year show a gross increase of \$1,001,170 or, allowing for the additional expenditure of \$993,631 on account of the Opium Monopoly, an increase of \$907,459 over those approved for the current year. The principal increases, of which explanations will be found in the footnotes, occur in the items Assessed Taxes \$50,000, Opium Monopoly gross \$1,390,000, net \$398,360, Stamp Duties \$160,000, various items under Fees of Court, etc., \$52,350, Post Office, \$40,000, Kowloon-Canton Railway \$53,000 and Rents \$55,840. The Estimates of Expenditure for next year show an increase of \$2,038,616 over those approved

for the current year. Of this amount \$993,631 is incident to the establishment of the Opium Monopoly."

A Fine Statement.
In all directions the statement was an excellent lines. Most of the grants and other new items of expenditure were readily recognised as necessary; some of them—police and prison increases are cases in point—had been imperative for a considerable time. A grant of \$10,000 per annum for a period of five years was proposed for the Engineering Faculty of the University. Concerning this we wrote at the time: "At present the Government contributes \$10,000 a year to the funds of the University, but if the Institution is to be a success it should not be crippled by want of funds; and it seems to us that \$20,000 a year is not too much for the Colony to pay in order to secure the success of its own University."

Opium Monopoly.
In connection with Opium the statement referred to the steps which have been taken towards the establishment of a Government Opium Monopoly. In his statement on the budget for 1913 Sir Henry May stated to you that pending consideration of what steps would be necessary to give effect to the Opium Convention, it had been decided to extend the term of the existing farm for one year only from 1st March, 1913. In sanctioning this course the Secretary of State for the Colonies asked this Government to give careful consideration to the question whether it would not be possible on the expiration of the extended lease to abolish the farm system and to adopt instead the arrangement in vogue in the Straits Settlements.

Mr. Hutchison, in reporting on the practicability of the proposal wrote "It is obvious, I think, that under a monopoly the Government can maintain a closer and stricter control over the use of Opium, that its policy with regard to opium can be more quickly and easily adapted to meet changing circumstances and that abuses can be checked as they arise without the danger of being involved in the payment of large sums in compensation for a breach of agreement."

The scheme works well in the Straits Settlement and should do the same here in Hongkong.

Other Points.
There were other points of interest in the speech which may be noted in passing. Something is to be done in the way of gaol extension. A new block is to be in the lower yard and will contain 78 cells, while certain portions of the existing gaol buildings are to have another storey added to them, affording 71 more cells. At the same time, provision was made for an additional night warder with the object of "lessening the strain on the existing staff of principal warders caused by long periods of night duty."

A POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

Mention was earlier made of the dog show which had its genesis in *Telegraph* articles. The same can be said of a new poultry association which has been formed in the Colony. It is worth while setting down, in convenient form for reference, the objects of the Association. These are:—

1. To advance the interest taken in domestic fowls by residents of this Colony.
2. To encourage and improve the breeding of such fowls.
3. To form a unity among fowl fanciers so as to enable them to exchange advice on all matters in the selection, breeding, the manner of keeping and the rearing of poultry relating to this category of birds.
4. To form a poultry show in the Colony once or twice a year.

Important Functions.
The association is regulated by a committee, composed of a president, vice-president, hon. secretary, hon. treasurer

and an hon. inspector who must be a man having considerable experience and knowledge of poultry and whose work is to inspect members' yards and to inform them of the improvements therein he should think essential; and nine others, four of whom are to be influential men.

One of the most important functions of this association will be that of supplying food for the fowls ordered from Home to the members at a very moderate price so that they may rest satisfied by knowing that their birds are fed with good, if not the best of food stuff.

A BATHING CONVENIENCE.

Another bathing season has gone, and people are still wondering whether the Government ever intends carrying out its promises to provide public bathing places for those who cannot afford the luxury of regular launch parties. If, up to the present, expectations have not been realised, it is not for want of pugging away by the *Telegraph*. For this scheme \$2,000 was voted in the Estimates for 1913 but nothing was done.

It is satisfactory to remark the demand was met in some small degree, though not by the Government. With out waiting any further on the Government, the Tramway Company at the end of June erected a number of tents on the foreshore at the eastern end of the city, near the cable house. These were of excellent design, and for the use of them a charge of twenty cents was made, with a time limit of one hour. The special tramcars which run in summer from the Post Office to Quarry Point in the evenings took intending bathers to the ground. The enterprise of the Tramway Company in taking up the matter of its own accord was promptly recognised, and for those who could not make it convenient to catch a launch at the time they generally leave Blake Pier, and who did not object to incurring the charges involved, the scheme met a distinct need and was vastly popular.

Why?
What is to be strongly urged, however, is that the Government should proceed with its own long-promised scheme. Only by this, can the class for whom the public bathing places were intended enjoy the felicity of surf-bathing without fee or charge. The money has been voted, and the Government has undertaken to clear the foreshore of rocks and stones and to erect a shed for convenience of those using the beaches. Why, we ask again, does it not fall its promises?

THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

During the year the Hongkong Stock Exchange found it necessary to make arrangements for moving into a more commodious building. The stockbrokers entered upon their new offices on July 2, when, at an informal gathering of leading business men, these were declared open.

The new Exchange is situated in Des Voeux Road Central, between Messrs Komor's and the King Edward Hotel, and are very conveniently central for business men whose offices are on the Praya, in Des Voeux Road or in Queen's Road. The place is neatly fitted and decorated, and bears a generally up-to-date appearance.

CRUISER AGROUND.

On Sunday, May 11, a serious misfortune befell the Portuguese cruiser, *Adamastor*. The vessel left Hongkong for Macao, enroute for Lisbon, that afternoon. In making for Macao she took the passage between Dumbell Island and Lintao Island in the middle of which there is a buoy. The *Adamastor* went about 100 yards inside the buoy and struck a rock

down by the head, her propellers showing clean out of the water, and her bow right under. On her port side, to which she had a slight list were about three fathoms of water and on the starboard about four. Stores were immediately discharged into junks.

The vessel was taken off by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's tug *Edith* and was brought to Hongkong where she was repaired.

GODOWN GUTTED.

Between four and five o'clock on Monday, September 30, a big fire broke out in a godown No. 13 Morrison Hill Road which resulted in the building, a two storied erection, being completely gutted. The conflagration, involved the total loss of a very extensive building plant. The godown, for storing builders' materials, extended from Morrison Hill Road right through to the road beyond, with windows and doors at back and front and blank side walls, and it was due to the latter and the excellent work done by the firemen that great damage was not done to the houses in the neighbourhood. There can be little doubt that the fire work put in by the Fire Brigade was responsible for the prevention of a serious spread of the fire.

HARBOUR LIGHTING.

The Harbour authorities decided during the year to adopt the Aga system of lighting for Hongkong waters. By the courtesy of Messrs Arthur Nilsson and Co., general agents for the Swedish Gas Accumulator Co., who are the sole makers of the Aga light, we were able to watch demonstrations with this remarkable lamp; and, as harbour lighting is a subject of vital interest to the colony, some remarks may be made on it here.

Although new to this part of the world, the Aga light has, for some years past, been in use in Sweden, the home of the inventor, as well as in most other maritime countries. In the United States it is now very extensively used for harbours, fairways, coast and inland waterways. The Panama Canal will, we understand, be solely lighted by this system.

A Reliable Light.

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HONGKONG GUN CLUB.

The opening ceremony in connection with the Hongkong Gun Club was held on May 14 when the club was "At Home" to its friends. The season was opened by a shoot for a cup open to visitors, and ladies' prize which was won by Captain Tracy. The patrons of the club include H. E. the Governor, H. E. Major General Anderson, and the Admiral, Commander-in-Chief of the

China Station. The Hon. Mr. D. Landale of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., is the President, and Major Fitzwilliams has taken over the secretaryship.

MR. CLEMENTI LEAVES.

There have been one or two changes in the Government service. On August 27 Mr. Cecil Clementi, Assistant Colonial Secretary, left the colony, having received appointment as Colonial Secretary to British Guiana. This was in the nature of a promotion which had been long recognised as well deserved, and Mr. Clementi was heartily congratulated on his advancement. The salary attached to Mr. Clementi's new post is given in the Colonial Office List as £1,350 rising to £1,500. The departed Assistant Colonial Secretary, who is a son of Col. Montagu Clementi, of Oullompton, Devon, had spent the whole of his service career, a period of about thirteen years, in Hongkong. During that time he had earned the good opinion of all with whom he came in contact. By his departure, the Civil Service of Hongkong lost a most able member.

Mr. Crofton's New Post.

Early in December it was announced that Mr. R. H. Crofton acting assistant Colonial Secretary, and Chief Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office had been appointed Assistant Chief Secretary to the Government of Zanzibar. He is to leave Hongkong in a day or two.

In August 1913 Mr. Crofton was appointed a clerk in the Audit department in Hongkong, arriving to take up the position on August 25 of that year. The following year saw him acting as Local Auditor and in 1904 he was appointed chief clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office. Subsequently he became director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund and has since 1907 acted as assistant Colonial Secretary on many occasions. Mr. Crofton during his stay here has made many friends whose best wishes will accompany him to his new sphere of office.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul celebrated its golden jubilee on Sunday July 13, in conjunction with the centenary anniversary of the founder of St. Vincent de Paul's Conferences. In the morning a Solemn Low Mass was said at 9.30 o'clock in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, followed by *Te Deum* and Benediction. In the evening from 9 to 11 o'clock an *Alfresco Concert*, organised by Professor Emil Dannenberg, took place in the compound of the Cathedral, in which some local ladies and gentlemen amateurs took part.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Towards the end of March there was started in Hongkong a Philatelic Society. Dr. Muller presided over the meeting of enthusiastic stamp collectors, in the Library at the City Hall, at which it was decided to form a philatelic society for Hongkong and the Far East. The object of the society is to secure a means of obtaining interchange of views, and it is hoped that a room will be secured in the centre of the City, where a reference library may be kept, and lectures given as occasion arises. The officers elected were as follows:—President, Dr. Muller; vice-president, Mr. E. H. Ray; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. L. Warriner. Committee:—The Dutch Consul-General, Mr. J. De Buns, Mr. Tisdall of the Russo Asiatic Bank and Mr. T. M. de Graaf.

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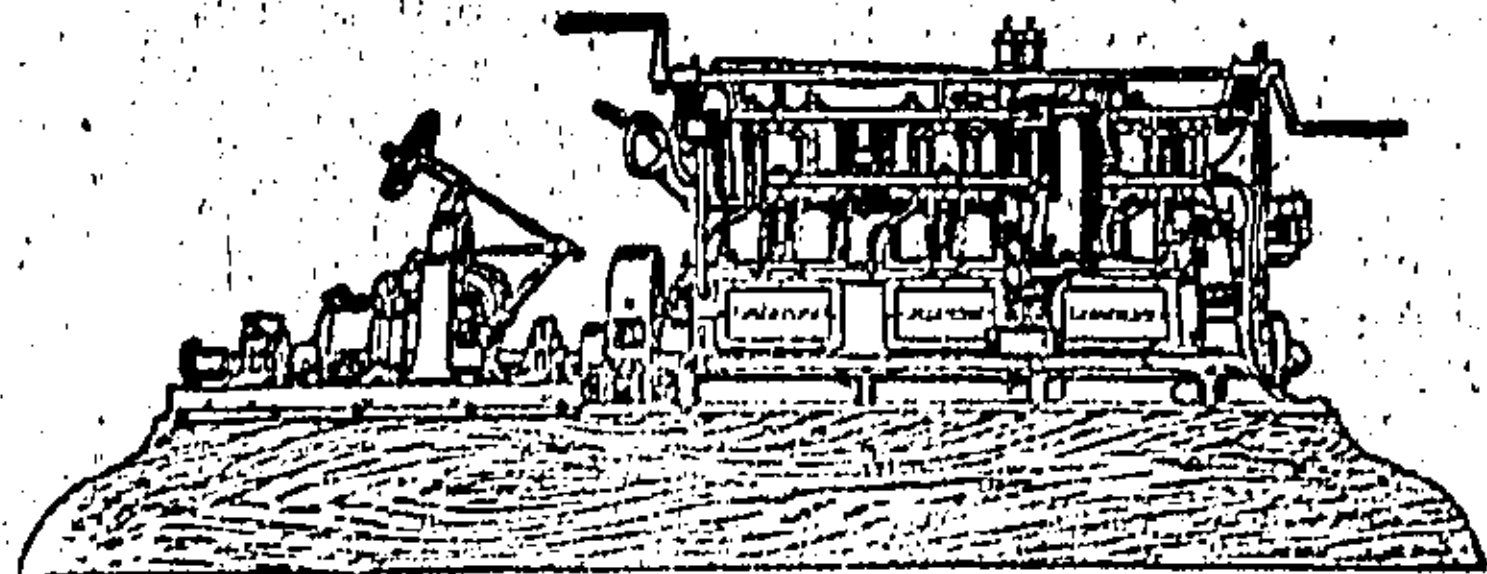
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The I. G. M. s.s. PRINZ SIGISMUND left Sydney on the 15th inst. at 11 a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 5th of January.

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The s.s. NILE sailed from Yokohama for Hongkong, via Manila, on the 24th inst. The mail from the United States has been transferred to the s.s. EASTERN of the Eastern Australia Steamship Company, which the company's representatives in Hongkong advise is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on the 31st inst.

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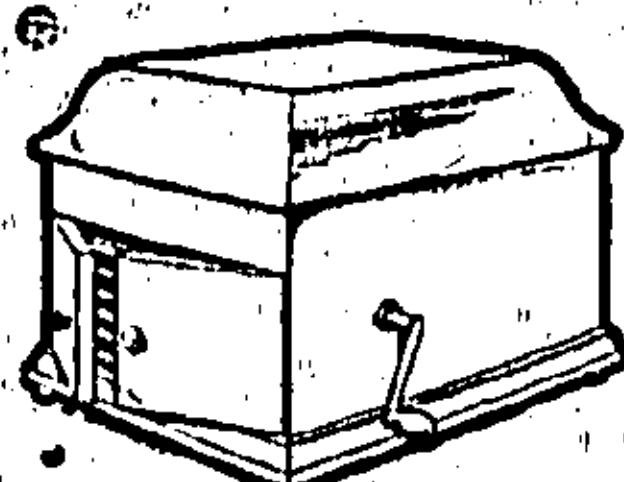
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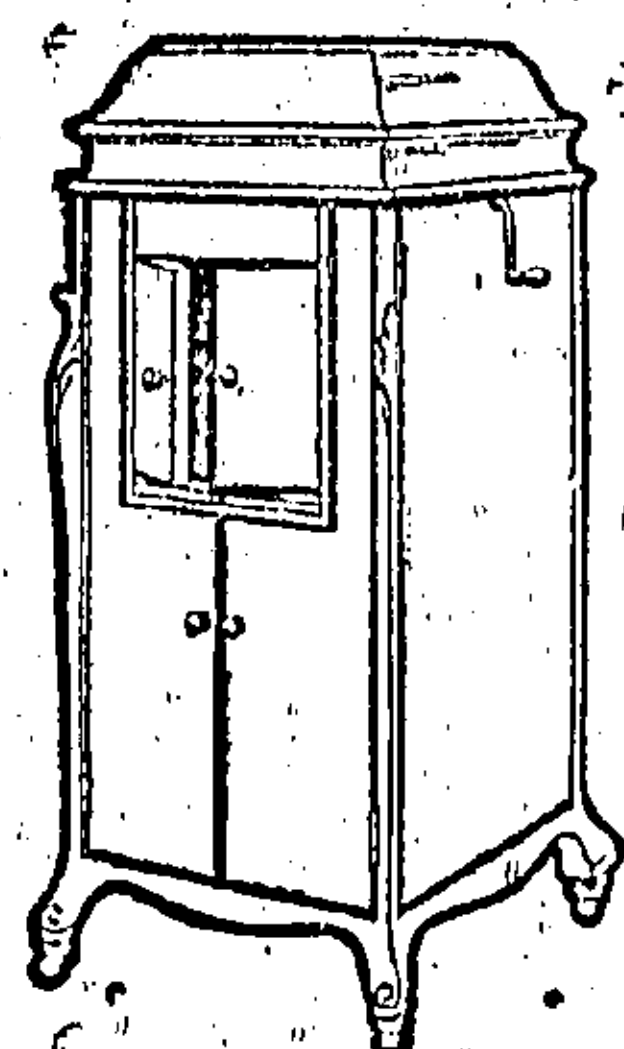
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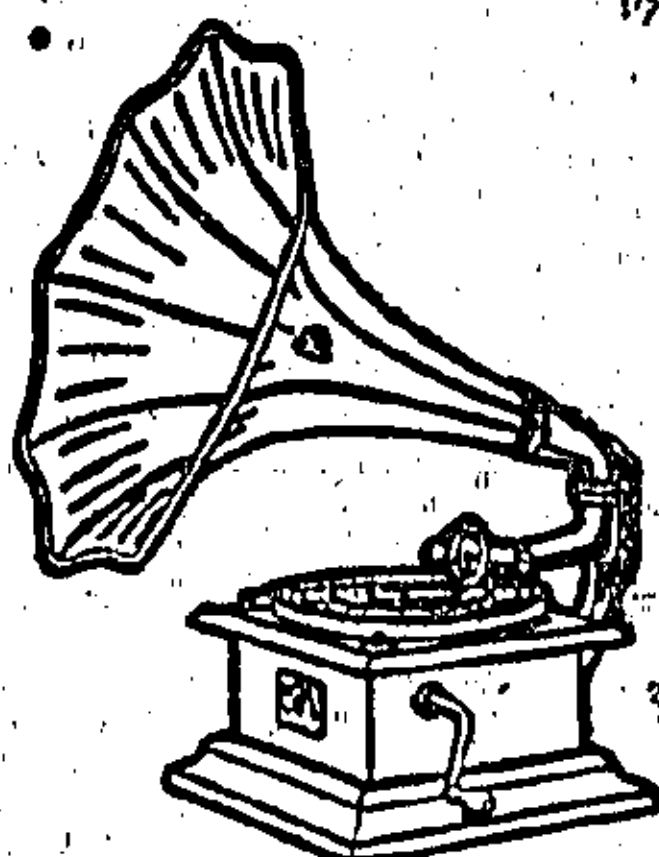
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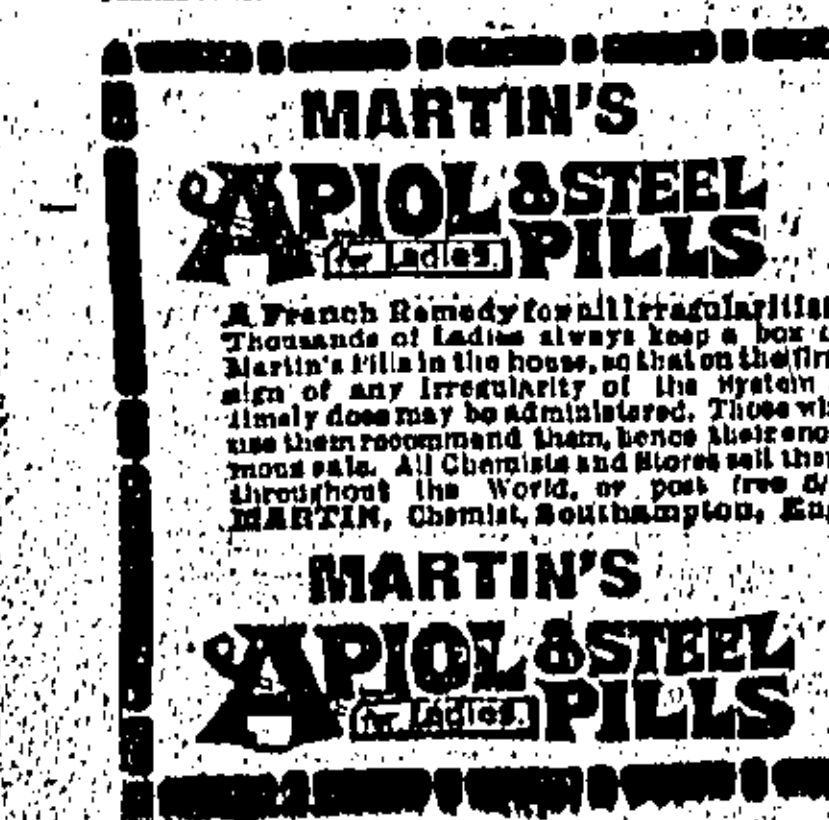
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..... Silver \$1,000,000
..... United States \$1,000,000

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS
CARRIED ON IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the "demand" basis.
DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year at 4% per annum, or for shorter periods, at rates, which may be ascertained on application.
BILLS NEGOTIATED AND COLLECTED.
MAIL AND TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCES MADE.

LETTERS OF CREDIT AND DRAFTS granted on all the principal cities in the world.
THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the world.
COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT issued.

PURCHASE AND SALE of Stocks and Shares effected.
TRAVELLERS CHECKS sold and cashed.
GEORGE HOGG,
Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong
H ongkong, 1st Nov., 1912 19

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund " 18,550,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

Branches:—
Antung-Hsien
Bombay
Calcutta
Changchun
Dairen
Fengtien
Harbin
Hankow
Honolulu
Kobe
Liao-Yang
London
Lyons

Agencies at:
Nagasaki
Newchwang
New York
Osaka
Peking
Ryosun Port
(Arthur)
San Francisco
Shanghai
Tientsin
Tokyo
Los Angeles

Interest Allowed on Current Account.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

EISHI ONO,
Manager.
Hongkong, 30th Sept., 1913. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund £1,700,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and **FIXED DEPOSITS** received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. S. HEWETT,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [22]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up, £1,250,000.)
Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise.
Loans made on the Provident System.
(Rates and Particulars on application.)
The Office of TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1908 32

PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.
WEEK DAYS.

7.00 A.M. to 8.00 A.M. Every 15 MIN.
8.00 A.M. to 9.00 A.M. " 15 MIN.
9.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. " 15 MIN.
10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. " 15 MIN.
11.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
12.00 P.M. to 1.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
2.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
3.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
4.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
5.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.

NIGHT CARS.
8.30 P.M. and 9.30 P.M. to 12.00 P.M. every half hour.
12.00 P.M. every half hour.
SUNDAYS.

8.00 A.M. to 10.30 A.M. Every 15 MIN.
10.30 A.M. to 12.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
12.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
2.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
4.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
6.00 P.M. to 8.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
8.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.

NIGHT CARS on all Week Days.

SATURDAYS.
Extra Cars at 15 minutes.
SPECIAL CARS.
By Arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Upper York Road.

Banks

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000

RESERVE FUNDS:

Stirling
£1,500,000 at 2½%
\$15,000,000

Silver ... 17,450,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
S. H. Dodwell, Esq.,—Chairman.
Hon. Mr. D. Landale,—Deputy Chairman.

G. Friesland, Esq.
E. Goetz, Esq.
O. S. Gubbay, Esq.
P. H. Holyoak, Esq.
G. R. Laurence, Esq.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq., &
J. A. Plummer, Esq.
Hon. Mr. E. Shollim,
H. A. Siebs, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—N. J. Stabb.
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen.
London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ Per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on **FIXED DEPOSIT** at 4 Per Cent. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

Capital Fully Paid-up Sh. Taels 7,500,000
Head Office:—Shanghai.
Board of Directors:—Berlin.

Branches:
Berlin
Calcutta
Canton
Hankow
Kobe
Peking
Singapore
Tientsin
Tsinanfu
Tientsin
Yokohama

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons.
The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited.

Deutsche Bank (Berlin), London Agency.

Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.
Dresdener Bank.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account. **DEPOSITS** received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

R. TIMMERSCHIEDT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 9th Oct., 1911. [2]

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid Up " 562,500
Reserved Fund 415,000

BANKERS:
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

A. R. LINTON
Manager.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE

Cannot be beaten, if Equalled.
For Bread, Cakes, Confectionery, meals with Wines & Liquors.

Exchange.

Selling.	Buying.
T/T Demand 1/11 3/16	T/T Marks 198
30 d/s 1/11 3/4	T/T France 244 1/4
60 d/s 1/11 3/8	On Haiphong 1 1/2 pm
4 m/s 1/11 7/16	On Saigon 9 1/2 pm
T/T Shanghai 73 5/8	On Bangkok 79 1/4
T/T Singapore 82 5/8	
Private 30 d/s sight S'hai 74 1/2	
T/T Japan 94 1/2	
T/T India 144	
T/T Bombay 144	
Demand Bombay 144 1/4	
T/T Calcutta 144	
Demand Calcutta 144 1/4	
Demand India 144 1/4	
Demand Manila 95	
T/T San Francisco & New York 46 1/2	
T/T Java 117	

Subsidiary Coins.
Discount per \$100
Chinese ... 20 cts. pieces \$12 1/2 %
Chinese ... 10 " \$12 3/4
Hongkong 20 " \$7 3/4
Hongkong 10 " \$12 1/2

Optium Quotation.
Nov. 21.
Malwa, New \$4.600 per pic.
Malwa, Old 4.500
Patna, New 5.825 per cha.
Patna, Old 5.700
Benares, New 5.575
Benares, Old 5.350

SHARE REPORT.

S-SELLERS **SA-SALE** **B-BUYERS**

Stocks & Paid up Value.
BANKS.
Hongkong & S'hai \$125 \$790
Cantons \$50 325
North China \$25 1133

MARINE INSURANCES.
Yangtzes \$50 1192 1/2

FIRE INSURANCES.
China Firms \$20 1161
Hongkong Firms \$50 1380
China & Manillas \$25 110
Douglas Steamship \$50 130
Steamboats \$15 1204

Indo-Chinas (Preferred) \$25 110
(Deferred) \$25 110
"Shell" Transports \$1 111
"Star Ferry" \$10 145

REFINERIES.
China Sugars \$100 1100
Luzon Sugars \$100 1100

Chinese Engineerings \$1 110
Tronohs \$1 110
Raubs \$1 110
Docks, Wharves, & COWNS \$50 110
Kowloon Wharfs \$50 110
H.K. & W'poo Docks \$50 110
Shanghai Docks T. 100 110
Hongkong Wharfs T. 100 110

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.
Anglo-French Lands T. 100 110
Hongkong Hotels \$50 110
Hongkong Lands \$100 110

Humphreys Estates \$10 110
Kowloon Lands \$30 110
Shanghai Lands T. 30 110
West Point \$50 110
Manila M'pole Hotel P. 10 110

EWOS T. 50 110
Shanghai Cottons T. 123 b. 110
Laou Kung Mow Kung Yik Hongkong Cottons \$10 110
MISCELLANEOUS.
China-Borneos \$12 110
Light and Powers \$10 110
Do. (Spec. shares) \$1 110
China Providents \$10 110
Dairy Farms \$6 110
Green Islands \$10 110
Hongkong Electric \$10 110
Hongkong Ice \$25 110
Hongkong Ropes \$10 110

Langkats g. 10 T. 36 s. 110
Morning Post \$25 110
Peak Tramway \$10 110
Do. (new) \$1 110
Hongkong Electric Trans 3/2 s. 110

Philippines \$10 110
H. Price & Co., Ltd. \$10 110
Societe des Pulpes et Papierseries du Tonkin 110
Shanghai Sumatras T. 20 T. 150 110
United Asbestos Ltd. 110
United Asbestos Founders Shares \$10 110
Union Waterboat \$10 110
Weismann, Ltd. \$10 110
Waton \$10 110
William Powell \$10 110

INTERIM OF 5 p.c. for year ending 30/6/13 half year ending 30/6/13 15 per cent. for 1910
Interim of 3 1/2 p.c. 8 2/5d p.c. share, Coupon No. 1 account year 10/6/12 Int. of 1/6 mak. 6/6 a/o 1/12 for 1909
\$4.50 for year 1912 \$1 final dividend for year 1911
Tls. 3 for 1912 Interim of Tls. 3 for 1913
Tls. 6 2/27 210 \$3 on old shares, \$1.50 on new shares for half year 31/12/12
\$3 1/2 for 1/2 year ending 30/6/13
50 cents for 1912 \$2.80 for 1912
Interim of 5 p.c. for year ending 30/6/13 half year ending 30/6/13 15 per cent. for 1910
Tls. 15 for year ending 31/10/13
Tls. 10 for year ending 30/6/13
50 cents 31.7.08
35 cents for 1912
70 cents for 1912 \$1.30 for year end'g 31/7/13 40 cents for 1911
\$1.60 per share for 1912 \$2 interim for 1913
\$1 interim for 1913
Interim of Tls. 1 mak. Tls. 2 a/o 1913
None
80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30/6/13
Interim of 1 1/2d. per share for 1913
None
\$1.50 for 1910
No dividend this year 50 cts. for year end'g 31/5/12
20 per cent. per ordinary share for year ended 31/5/12
\$1 per share for year ending 31/12/12
25 per cent. for year ending 31/7/11
60 cents for 1912 40 cts. year ending 30/6/13
WRIGHT AND HORNBY, share

